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Art Unit: 2655

For: METHOD OF ESTIMATING THE PITCH OF A  
SPEECH SIGNAL USING A BINARY  
SIGNAL, USE OF THE  
METHOD, AND A DEVICE ADAPTED  
THEREFOR

Examiner: M. A. Lewis

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2004 (Paper No. 20041202), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.